

Minutes from the City Council Meeting on Tuesday January 2, 2018 at 7:15 pm in the City Council Chambers are as follows:

Vieau, John L.	Ward 3 Councilor	Present Try Council
Laflamme, Frank N.	At-Large Councilor	Present COPEF MA
Roy, Gerard (Jerry) A.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Tillotson, James K.	At-Large Councilor	Present
Zygarowski, Robert J.	At-Large Councilor	Present
McAuliffe, Joel D.	Ward 1 Councilor	Present
Brooks, Shane D.	Ward 2 Councilor	Present
Balakier, George A.	Ward 4 Councilor	Present
Krampits, Fred T.	Ward 5 Councilor	Present
Dobosz, Derek Gregory	Ward 6 Councilor	Present
Courchesne, William C.	Ward 7 Councilor	Present
Labrie, Gary R.	Ward 8 Councilor	Present
Walczak, Stan	Ward 9 Councilor	Present

Public Input-James Denno-40 Clark Street, City streets and lack of snow removal. People are sliding right onto Chicopee Street, cars are parked on both sides of the street. A gentleman fell at the senior center and ended up with 7 staples. The snow gets hard. Needs better attention. Streets are a sheet of ice. No sand or salt after plowing. When people park on one side of the street the other side should be plowed.

- C1 A communication from Ernest Mathieu, RS, MS, CHO.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and Mr. Mathieu confirmed this evening. Councilor Walczak stated he is the Health Director in Holyoke. He's a good choice. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- C2 A communication from Janet Ely.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive an Janet Ely be confirmed this evening. Councilor Tillotson stated they seem to be working well as a group. Would like to keep the group going. Like to see her stay on board. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-1 Mayors appropriation of One million two hundred eighty thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$1,280,000.00) to the following named account: Fire Special Account for Purchase of an Aerial Platform Truck from available funds in the Stabilization Account for Capital Budgeting.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Laflamme to receive and pass. Councilor Laflamme said the money is from capital improvements. Money was put in in anticipation of the new truck. The old truck is a 1995 truck. The new truck is in production. Need the old truck as backup. Concerns, has a bucket that con hold 2 firefighters and up to 1000 pounds, the genie lift as it wears has a lot of play and becomes unstable. Fire Dept. and mechanics do a great job but as the truck age they start to rust. Makes the job more dangerous. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

MO-2 Mayors appropriation of One hundred fifty seven thousand four hundred sixty three and 60/100 dollars (\$157,463.60) to the following Water Bond Interest Special accounts:

Willimansett/Alden. Water Mains \$ 76,221.72 Chicopee Center 5A \$ 81,241.88 Total \$157,463.60

from available funds in the Water Bond Special Account for SRF Redundant Water Line.

- --Motion made by Councilor Dobosz to receive and pass with a second by Councilor Brooks as acting chair. Councilor Dobosz stated this is to pay bond interest that was underfunded. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-3 Mayors appropriation of Ten thousand and 00/100 dollars (\$10,000.00) to the following named account: Human Resources Special Account for Medical Exams for Employees from available funds in the Human Resources Special Account for Wellness Program.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Courchesne to receive and pass. Councilor Courchesne stated the money is to be used for psych exams for police and fire new hires. Councilor Tilltoson stated the money was depleted because of recent new hires. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-4 Chapter 7 Ordinance Revisions
  - --Motion made by Councilor Zygarowski to receive, 1<sup>st</sup> reading and refer to the Ordinance Committee. Councilor Zygarowski stated it is just a title change in the Human Resource Department. Motion to refer passed by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-5 Ordered that the City Council accept the donation of a file cabinet from Mass Mutual to the Chicopee Council on Aging. Said donation has an estimated value of One hundred and 00/100 dollars (\$100.00) and is accepted in accordance with M.G.L. Chapter 44 Section 53A1/2
  - --Motion made by Councilor Balakier to receive and the donation accepted. Councilor Balakier stated this is a Council on Aging donation from Mass Mutual. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.
- MO-6 To the City Clerk:

You are hereby notified that I have this day appointed, Daniel Garvey, 64 South Brook Road, East Longmeadow, Massachusetts as Associate City Solicitor and City Council Legal Counsel to serve in such office for the term expiring on the 2<sup>nd</sup> of January, 2019.

- \*Re-Appointment
- --Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive and the reappointment be approved. Councilor Tillotson stated we all enjoy working with him. He's conscientious and he shows when he feels he's needed at the meetings. Makes sure nothing is violated. Councilor Vieau stated he's well versed in municipal law.

Councilor Brooks stated he is always available. Knowing he is there with sound advice. Valuable commodity to the Council. Motion passed through all stages by a unanimous roll call vote.

- MO-7 An order authorizing the exemption of interest for Special Projects Manager Benjamin Strepka to serve as a timekeeper for the Chicopee Public Schools Athletic Department in accordance with the provision of Massachusetts General Law 268A Section 20.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Labrie to receive and the exemption granted. Councilor Labrie stated he is involved in hockey, there is no conflict with his job in the Mayor's office. Councilor McAuliffe give kudos to Ben, he is doing a good job. Councilor Tillotson stated he knows hockey very well. There is no conflict at all. Motion passed.
- A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 44 Meetinghouse Road, Handicap Parking.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1st reading, refer to Ordinance Committee, Engineer and the Commission on Disability. Councilor Tillotson stated they are still working to come up with a solution to this dilemma. Handicap parking spaces. If one was in committee it has died in committee, the Councilor needs to refile, Motion passed.
- 9 A proposed ordinance adding to Chapter 260, Handicap Parking, 52 Northern Drive, Handicap Parking.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Tillotson to receive, 1st reading, refer to Ordinance Committee, Engineer and the Commission on Disability. Councilor Tillotson stated we will wait till the situation is defined. Motion passed.
- A NEW Special Permit application, under Section 275-50 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of sign with electronic message LED center board at 110 Church Street.

  Applied for by: Sign Techniques Inc., 361 Chicopee Street, Chicopee, MA 01013.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee. Councilor Brooks stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.
- A NEW Special Permit application, under Section 275-67 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance for the purpose of renovating an existing abandoned mill building to construct 105 studio and one-bedroom apartments. Additionally, a bituminous paved, concrete curbed parking lot will be constructed on the site of a former, now demolished, mill building along Front St at 109 Front Street & 165 Front Street. Applied for by: The Berkshire Design Group, Inc., 4 Allen Place, Northampton, MA 01060.
  - -- Motion made by Councilor Brooks to receive and refer to the Zoning Committee, Planning and Engineer. Councilor Brooks stated will take up in committee. Motion passed, referred.

- A renewal of four (4) taxi cabs. Applied for by: Yellow Cab, 622 Cottage Street, Springfield, MA 01104. Applied for by: Kamyar Rahmani-Kia 14 Bent Tree Drive, East Longmeadow, MA 01028.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and renewed with restrictions. Motion passed.
- An application for a renewal of a Taxi Drivers license. Applied for by: Brad L. Oswalt, 1981 Memorial Drive, Unit 136, Chicopee, MA 01020.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and renewed this evening. Motion passed.
- An application for a renewal of a Taxi Drivers license. Applied for by: William G. Montana, 14 Dorchester St., Springfield, MA 01109.
  - --Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and renewed this evening. Motion passed.
- 15-17 Class 2 Renewals for the year 2018

Absolute Motors Inc Gallagher's Auto Sales, Inc. Tito's Auto Sales, Inc. 245 East Street 1095 Chicopee Street 357 Chicopee Street

- --Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and approved with existing restrictions. Motion passed.
- 18-22 Auto Repair License Renewals for the year 2018

A.B.M. Transmission & Engine Technology

Absolute Motors Inc

Engine Light Auto Repair

Monro Muffler & Brake, Inc.

Tito's Auto Sales, Inc.

1090 Chicopee Street

245 East Street

922 Front Street

461 Memorial Drive

357 Chicopee Street

- --Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and approved with existing restrictions. Motion passed.
- 23 Auto Detail License Renewals for the year 2018

Absolute Motors Inc

245 East Street

--Motion made by Councilor Walczak to receive and approved with existing restrictions. Motion passed.

ATTEST:

KEITH W RATTELL CITY CLERK